

REPORT

DATE: February 7, 2008

TO: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee

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SUBJECT: Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project Selection

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend approval to the Regional Council of project ranking and city selection.

BACKGROUND:

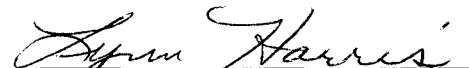
Through the Compass Blueprint Demonstration Projects, SCAG continues to partner with cities and counties by offering services to assist with local planning efforts consistent with the Compass Blueprint Principles. On December 6, 2007 CEHD approved the attached selection criteria used to evaluate applications for services requested by local jurisdictions.

Using the revised criteria, SCAG staff ranked the Demonstration Project proposals received prior to the application deadline of January 25, 2008. A list of proposals received, and the scoring for each proposal under the revised criteria will be provided to the Committee prior to the meeting. If approved by CEHD, projects would be selected and funded as demonstration projects in the ranked order, as funding, staff and consultant resources become available.


FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with Compass Blueprint Demonstration Projects is included in WBS #08-065.SCGS1, 08-065.SCGC1, 07-291.SCGS1.2, 07-291.SCGC1.2, and 07-291.SCGC2.2.

Reviewed by:


Division Manager

Reviewed by:


Department Director

Reviewed by:


Chief Financial Officer

**Compass Blueprint Demonstration Projects
Proposal Review Criteria
Approved December 6, 2007**

Transportation & Land Use Planning Integration: (20 points)

- Acknowledge and leverage the relationship between land use and transportation planning to provide mobility, livability and air quality benefits.
- Encourage new development near existing and planned transportation infrastructure, especially transit resources.
- Plan for land uses that promote alternative transportation modes to the automobile.

Infill, Redevelopment & Density: (20 points)

- Locate new development within or adjacent to existing developed areas.
- Rehabilitate already developed yet obsolete and underutilized areas.
- Help accommodate forecasted growth by thoughtfully increasing density while preserving quality of life.

Land Use Mix & Housing: (15 points)

- Plan for land uses, including mixed-use development, that provide mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability benefits locally and regionally.
- Improve local and regional jobs-housing balance.
- Provide new housing, with a mix of densities and styles, for a range of income levels.

Infrastructure & Resource Efficiency & Sustainability: (15 points)

- Maximize efficiency in infrastructure development and use.
- Maximize efficiency in energy and natural resource use.
- Conserve agricultural land and open space.

Project Logistics & Need: (30 points)

- Demonstrate a clear need for the project and requested services.
- Create new public and private partnerships for the project.
- Leverage other public and private funding sources, in addition to the required match.
- Outline a realistic timeline and demonstrate local ability to complete the project on time.
- Demonstrate relevance to - and maximize use of - services offered through the Compass Blueprint program.
- Locate the project to provide geographic and demographic diversity for the Compass Blueprint program.

Consistency with 2008 RTP Policy Growth Forecast: (15/25 Points)

- The plan/project is in a 2% Strategy Growth Opportunity Area as defined by the 2008 RTP Policy Growth Forecast (15 points)
- The plan/project is in a critical 2% Strategy Growth Opportunity Area as defined by the 2008 RTP Policy Growth Forecast (25 points)

SCAG Membership: (Yes/No)

- Approval of any project proposed by a non-member city is contingent upon that city becoming a member of SCAG.